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SUBJECT: SIHANOUK VISIT TO UN

REF: PARIS 25718 (NOTAL)

1. SIHANOUK ARRIVED NEW YORK OCTOBER 3 WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS COMMUNIST AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS ROBERT H. MILLER AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FRANK L. KELLOGG WELCOMED SIHANOUK.

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2. IN HIS ARRIVAL REMARKS, AS REPORTED BY PRESS, SIHANOUK

STATED THAT CAMBODIA LOST OVER ONE MILLION DEAD IN THE FIGHT-ING AS THE RESULT OF US ACTIONS BUT ADDED THAT "WE ARE WILLING TO FORGET." PHNOM PENH RADIO COVERAGE OF HIS REMARKS OMITTED REFERENCE TO THIS BUT REITERATED IENG SARY'S PREVIOUS THANKS TO THE "PROGRESSIVE" AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO HAD LENT MORAL SUPPORT TO THE "JUST CAUSE" OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE.

- 3. SIHANOUK REPORTEDLY COMPARED HIMSELF TO QUEEN ELIZABETH, STATING THAT HE WAS ONLY A SYMBOL OF GOVERNMENT WITH NO POWER.
- 4. QUERIED ABOUT 20 JOURNALISTS STILL LISTED AS MISSING IN CAMBODIA, SIHANOUK WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "DURING THE WAR WHEN WE MET THEM WE RELEASED THEM. THERE ARE NO JOURNALISTS IN CAMBODIA. THERE ARE NO FOREIGNERS IN CAMBODIA."
- 5. SIHANOUK INDICATED THAT CAMBODIA WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE OPENED TO WESTERNERS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. "WE ARE NOT EQUIPPED FOR EMBASSIES AND WE MUST ACCEPT OUR FRIENDS OF THE FIRST HOUR." KISSINGER

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